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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 11-15 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claim 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kono et al. [JP2000-106657] in view of Fukushima [JP 57-1888184].

As is shown in figure 7, Kono et al. discloses a system which comprises:

- 1) First RF selection means (e.g. @ 3) for selecting an RF broadcast signal for the display of video;
- 2) Second RF selection means (e.g. @ 10, 14) for selecting an RF broadcast signal for the display of audio/sound;
- 3) First RF selection means (e.g. @ 3) for selecting an RF broadcast signal for the providing of linking data;

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4) Receiving means (@ 3, 10, 14) for receiving each of the broadcast signals;

5) Extracting means for extracting the video signal (@ 4,5), the audio signal (@ 11,12,14), and the linking data (26);

6) A display device (@ 6) for displaying video; and

7) An output device (@ 17) for displaying sound.

Claim 1 differs from the showing of Kono et al. only in that the claim indicates that the linking information is displayed as video.

In the prior art of Kono et al., the downloaded linking information enables a viewer select (via input device 23) a linked radio broadcast as the source of audio over the audio of the TV signal. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have displayed such linking information on the video display device to desirably enable the viewer to confirm the receipt of supplemented audio broadcasts (e.g. as evidenced by Fukushima) and/or to allow

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the user to select a specific desired one of the alternative broadcasts.

3. Claims 2-9 and 11-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E HARVEY whose telephone number is (703) 305-4365. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f from 9am to 3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached on 703-305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.


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